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Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal
Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room 5-A452
Washington, DC 20554

RE: REBECCA MANNA, Nomination to serve on the Rural Health Committee, Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors

Dear Communications Commission,

I am pleased to submit this nomination to serve on the Rural Health Committee, USAC Board of Directors. My skills, experience, passion and commitment to serving Americans, and in particular those living in the rural West align with experiences the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks in applicants for this appointment to the USAC Rural Health Committee.

For nearly two decades I have applied an entrepreneurial approach to solving rural health care challenges by optimizing telecommunications and telemedicine in an effort to transform costs, quality, and access to healthcare for Americans, particularly across the rural and frontier West. I have a record of collaboration among commercial, mobile and nontraditional wireless internet service providers; incumbent local exchange carriers; competitive local exchange carriers; and others. I also collaborated with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help design and create a new rural health care pilot project under the agency's Universal Service program. I later used this opportunity to develop a project to construct a fiber network in Montana to improve healthcare and education while connecting healthcare providers, colleges, and remote communities.

Attached, please find the necessary supporting documentation for my nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me at rmanna@krmc.org or by phone at 406-752-1724 if I can provide you with any additional information to support this nomination.

Sincerely,

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